

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/825,202**
Supplemental Response filed November 27, 2007
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10 and 13-16 are pending in this application. An amendment is proposed herein cancelling claims 1, 3-5, 9 and 13-16 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amending claims 6-8 and 10. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 6-8 and 10 will be pending. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the rejections are respectfully requested.

No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Support for the amendments to the claims is discussed below.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 9, and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over JP 63028639 A. (Office action page 2)

The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1, 3-5, 9 and 13-16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-5, 9 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Lorah et al. (US 2002/0055581 A1 or US 2002/0058739 A1). (Office action page 3)

The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1, 3-5, 9 and 13-16 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully notes that claim 2 has previously been canceled.

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Claims 6-8 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. (Office action page 5)

The objection is overcome by the proposed amendments to the claims. Each of claims 6-8 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 1. Claim 10 is amended to incorporate the limitation of intervening claim 9, and to be dependent from any one of claims 6 through 8. Entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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